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School health advisory councils

Sec. 18. (a) Before July 1, 2007, each school board shall establish a coordinated school health advisory council (referred to as the "advisory council" in this section). The advisory council may review the corporation's wellness policies on a yearly basis and suggest to the school board for approval changes to the policies that comply with the requirements of federal Public Law 108-265 and IC 5-22-15-24(c) before July 1 of each year. The advisory council must hold at least one (1) hearing at which public testimony about the local wellness policy being developed is allowed.

(b) The school board shall appoint the members of the advisory council, which must include the following:

- (1) Parents.
- (2) Food service directors and staff.
- (3) Students.
- (4) Nutritionists or certified dietitians.
- (5) Health care professionals.
- (6) School board members.
- (7) A school administrator.
- (8) Representatives of interested community organizations.

(c) The school board shall adopt a school district policy on child nutrition and physical activity that takes into consideration recommendations made by the advisory council.

(d) The department shall, in consultation with the state department of health, provide technical assistance to the advisory councils, including providing information on health, nutrition, and physical activity, through educational materials and professional development opportunities. The department shall provide the information given to an advisory council under this subsection to a school or parent upon request.

As added by P.L.54-2006, SEC.2.